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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER
OCTOBER 24 MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PRESIDED OVER BY DE
GAULLE:

"COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MARKED FRANCE'S UNDERSTANDING
WITH RESPECT TO CONCERN AROUSED IN WASHINGTON BY RECENT AND
INCREASING INSTALLATION OF SOVIET OFFENSIVE ARMS IN CUBA. IT
TOOK NOTE OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO IT BY
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO SECURITY MEASURES ORDERED
BY THAT GOVERNMENT IN CARIBBEAN SEA."

"WHILE CONSIDERING EVENTS RELATIVE TO CUBA AS DISTINCT
FROM PRESENT SITUATION IN OTHER REGIONS OF WORLD, COUNCIL EXAMINED
CONSEQUENCES FOR SECURITY OF EUROPE WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY RESULT
THEREFROM."

"IN THIS REGARD, RECIPROCAL ENGAGEMENTS WHICH CONSTITUTE
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ARE AND REMAIN BASIS OF FRANCE'S POLICY."

IN COMMENTING TO PRESS ON COMMUNIQUE INFORMATION
MINISTER FOUCHET SAID FRANCE, AS OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES, HAD NOT
BEEN CONSULTED ON CUBAN AFFAIR AS IT WAS AMERICAN MATTER
OUTSIDE EUROPEAN ALLIANCE. IF AS RESULT DEVELOPMENT OF CRISIS
OR OF "INTERVENTIONS WHICH COULD OCCUR", MATTER HAD EUROPEAN
REPERCUSSIONS, FRANCE WOULD THEN APPLY PROVISIONS OF ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE AND ACT IN SOLIDARITY WITH HER EUROPEAN ALLIES.

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